
HOUSE BILL 2198

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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety
2 corridor projects; amending RCW 46.68.090; providing an effective date;
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.68.090 and 2005 c 314 s 103 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All moneys that have accrued or may accrue to the motor vehicle
8 fund from the motor vehicle fuel tax and special fuel tax shall be
9 first expended for purposes enumerated in (a) and (b) of this
10 subsection. The remaining net tax amount shall be distributed monthly
11 by the state treasurer in accordance with subsections (2) through (7)
12 of this section.

13 (a) For payment of refunds of motor vehicle fuel tax and special
14 fuel tax that has been paid and is refundable as provided by law;

15 (b) For payment of amounts to be expended pursuant to
16 appropriations for the administrative expenses of the offices of state
17 treasurer, state auditor, and the department of licensing of the state
18 of Washington in the administration of the motor vehicle fuel tax and
19 the special fuel tax, which sums shall be distributed monthly.

1 (2) All of the remaining net tax amount collected under RCW
2 82.36.025(1) and 82.38.030(1) shall be distributed as set forth in (a)
3 through (j) of this section.

4 (a) For distribution to the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to
5 44.387 percent to be expended for highway purposes of the state as
6 defined in RCW 46.68.130;

7 (b) For distribution to the special category C account, hereby
8 created in the motor vehicle fund, an amount equal to 3.2609 percent to
9 be expended for special category C projects. Special category C
10 projects are category C projects that, due to high cost only, will
11 require bond financing to complete construction.

12 The following criteria, listed in order of priority, shall be used
13 in determining which special category C projects have the highest
14 priority:

15 (i) Accident experience;

16 (ii) Fatal accident experience;

17 (iii) Capacity to move people and goods safely and at reasonable
18 speeds without undue congestion; and

19 (iv) Continuity of development of the highway transportation
20 network.

21 Moneys deposited in the special category C account in the motor
22 vehicle fund may be used for payment of debt service on bonds the
23 proceeds of which are used to finance special category C projects under
24 this subsection (2)(b);

25 (c) For distribution to the Puget Sound ferry operations account in
26 the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.3283 percent;

27 (d) For distribution to the Puget Sound capital construction
28 account in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.3726 percent;

29 (e) For distribution to the urban arterial trust account in the
30 motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 7.5597 percent;

31 (f) For distribution to the transportation improvement account in
32 the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 5.6739 percent and expended
33 in accordance with RCW 47.26.086;

34 (g) For distribution to the cities and towns from the motor vehicle
35 fund an amount equal to 10.6961 percent in accordance with RCW
36 46.68.110;

37 (h) For distribution to the counties from the motor vehicle fund an
38 amount equal to 19.2287 percent: (i) Out of which there shall be

1 distributed from time to time, as directed by the department of
2 transportation, those sums as may be necessary to carry out the
3 provisions of RCW 47.56.725; and (ii) less any amounts appropriated to
4 the county road administration board to implement the provisions of RCW
5 47.56.725(4), with the balance of such county share to be distributed
6 monthly as the same accrues for distribution in accordance with RCW
7 46.68.120;

8 (i) For distribution to the county arterial preservation account,
9 hereby created in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 1.9565
10 percent. These funds shall be distributed by the county road
11 administration board to counties in proportions corresponding to the
12 number of paved arterial lane miles in the unincorporated area of each
13 county and shall be used for improvements to sustain the structural,
14 safety, and operational integrity of county arterials. The county road
15 administration board shall adopt reasonable rules and develop policies
16 to implement this program and to assure that a pavement management
17 system is used;

18 (j) For distribution to the rural arterial trust account in the
19 motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.5363 percent and expended in
20 accordance with RCW 36.79.020;

21 (k) For distribution to the special safety corridor account, hereby
22 created in the motor vehicle fund, an amount equal to 4.3478 percent to
23 be expended for special safety corridor projects. Special safety
24 corridor projects are projects that may require bond financing to
25 complete construction and safety improvements.

26 The following criteria shall be used in determining which special
27 safety corridor projects have the highest priority:

28 (i) Fatal accident experience;

29 (ii) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;

30 (iii) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;

31 (iv) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and

32 (v) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.

33 The following projects, listed in order of priority, are eligible
34 for special safety corridor account funding:

35 (A) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state
36 route number 9 at milepost 5 to the King county line at Stevens Pass
37 near milepost 64;

1 (B) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;
2 and
3 (C) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost
4 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.

5 Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account in the
6 motor vehicle fund may be used for payment of debt service on bonds the
7 proceeds of which are used to finance special safety corridor projects
8 under this subsection (2)(k).

9 (3) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025(2)
10 and 82.38.030(2) shall be distributed to the transportation 2003
11 account (nickel account).

12 (4) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025(3)
13 and 82.38.030(3) shall be distributed as follows:

14 (a) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to the incorporated cities
15 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

16 (b) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to counties of the state in
17 accordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

18 (c) The remainder shall be distributed to the transportation
19 partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

20 (5) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025(4)
21 and 82.38.030(4) shall be distributed as follows:

22 (a) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to the incorporated cities
23 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

24 (b) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to counties of the state in
25 accordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

26 (c) The remainder shall be distributed to the transportation
27 partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

28 (6) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025 (5)
29 and (6) and 82.38.030 (5) and (6) shall be distributed to the
30 transportation partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

31 (7) Nothing in this section or in RCW 46.68.130 may be construed so
32 as to violate any terms or conditions contained in any highway
33 construction bond issues now or hereafter authorized by statute and
34 whose payment is by such statute pledged to be paid from any excise
35 taxes on motor vehicle fuel and special fuels.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate

1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
2 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
3 July 1, 2007.

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